

### REMARKS

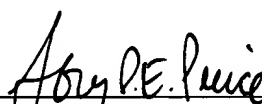
The Office Action mailed September 15, 2004 has been received and reviewed. Claims 21-40 are in the case. The Office Action asserts that a first invention is recited in claims 21-28 and that a second invention is recited in claims 29-40. Accordingly, the Office Action requires an election of either the first or the second invention.

By this amendment, Applicants elect the first invention as recited in claims 21-28. Additionally, by this amendment, Applicants have added claims 41-52 directed to the elected invention. Claims 21-28 and 41-52 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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